

information and therefore is not provided to indicate the detection of a second hazardous condition, as recited in claim 20.

In addition, the rejection cites Klein as disclosing a third wire shown in Figure 1. However, the three wires disclosed in Klein are not used to couple a first detector to a second detector. Instead, the three-wire conductor 47 shown in Figure 1 of Klein, including a branch conductor 46, a neutral conductor 50, and a ground wire 51, is used to couple the power control panel 10 to a load outlet 62.

Therefore, for at least the reasons stated above, claim 20 is allowable over the cited art. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this application.

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